Victoria County Statistical Profile

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The history of Victoria County dates to 1497 when an expedition led by John Cabot landed at the northern tip of the county. The abundance of fish in the area brought fleets from many European countries in the early part of the sixteenth century.

After 1746 Highland Scots began to settle in the county and by 1871 there were over 11,000 settlers. Farming was by far the most prevalent occupation although fishing was extensive along the coast from St. Ann's to Bay St. Lawrence.

The tourism industry is of prime importance in the present economy. Over half of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park is located in the northern part of the county while the recreational aspects of the Bras d'Or Lake attracts people to the Baddeck area. St. Ann's College preserves much of the Gaelic heritage of the region. In winter, provincial residents and tourists are drawn to ski slopes at Cape Smokey. This is to be the site for many events of the 1987 Canada Winter Games.

A major project in the area, which came on stream in early 1978, is the Wreck Cove Hydro electric development, the last large hydro resource within the Province.

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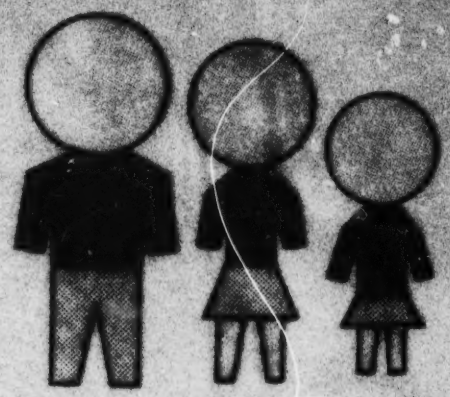
Statistical Summary

	YEAR	VICTORIA COUNTY	% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	-	2,767.9	5.2
Population	1981	8,432	1.0
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	3.0	18.8
Labour Force	1981	3,560	0.9
Employed	1981	2,710	0.8
Average income per tax filer ($)	1982	10,593	76.2
Total retail sales ($'000)	1983	35,900	1.0
Retail sales per capita ($)	1983	4,246	106.3
Number of farms	1981	58	1.1
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1983	1,230	0.7
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1983	33,152	17.4
Sea fish landings (metric tonnes)	1984	4,638	1.2
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1984	4,419	1.7
Number of manufacturing establishments*	1981	33	4.0
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)*	1981	251,842	6.6
Number of permits for residential units	1984	73	1.2
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1984	4,305	0.8

*Includes Inverness and Richmond Counties

SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada

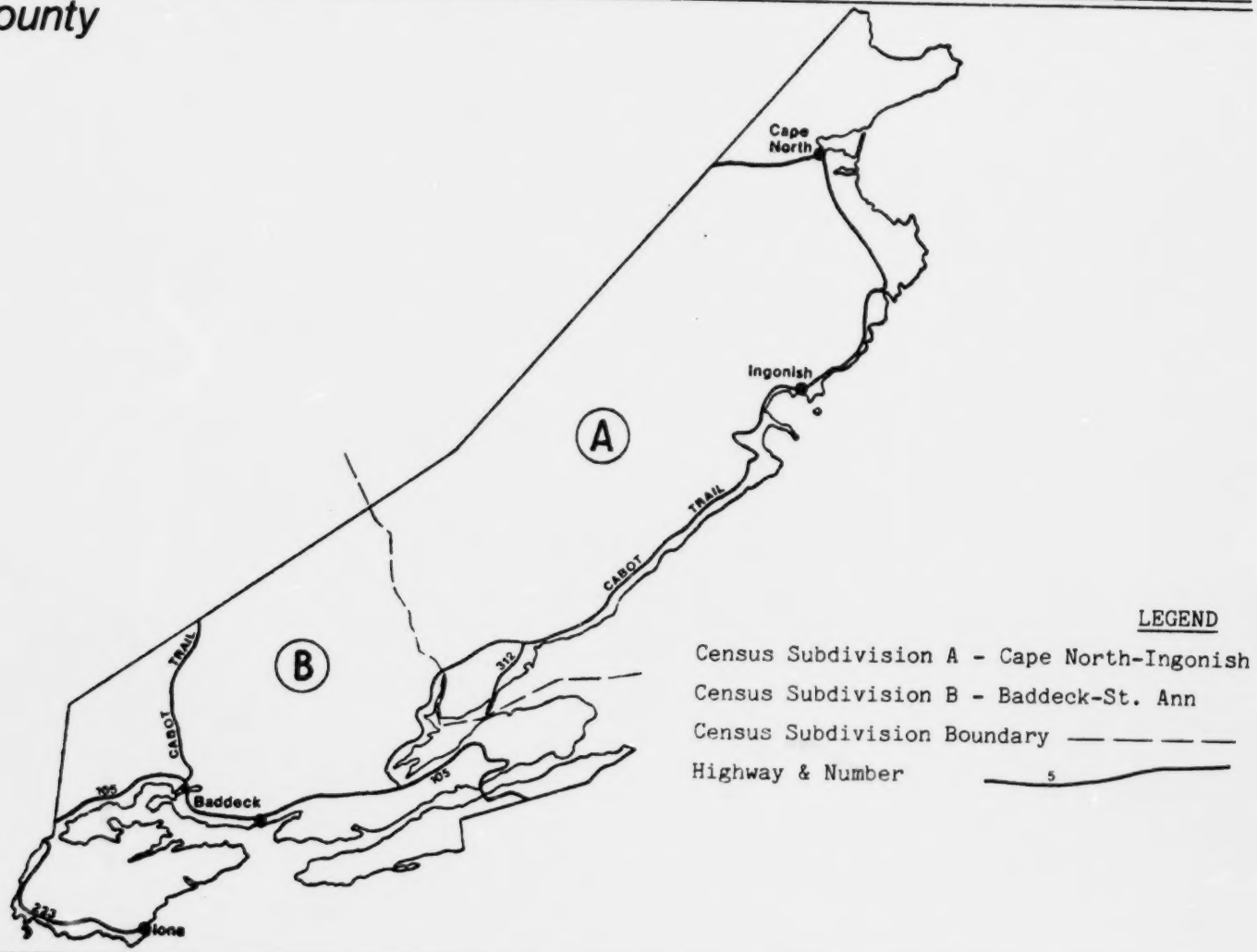
POPULATION



Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways

Victoria County



Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

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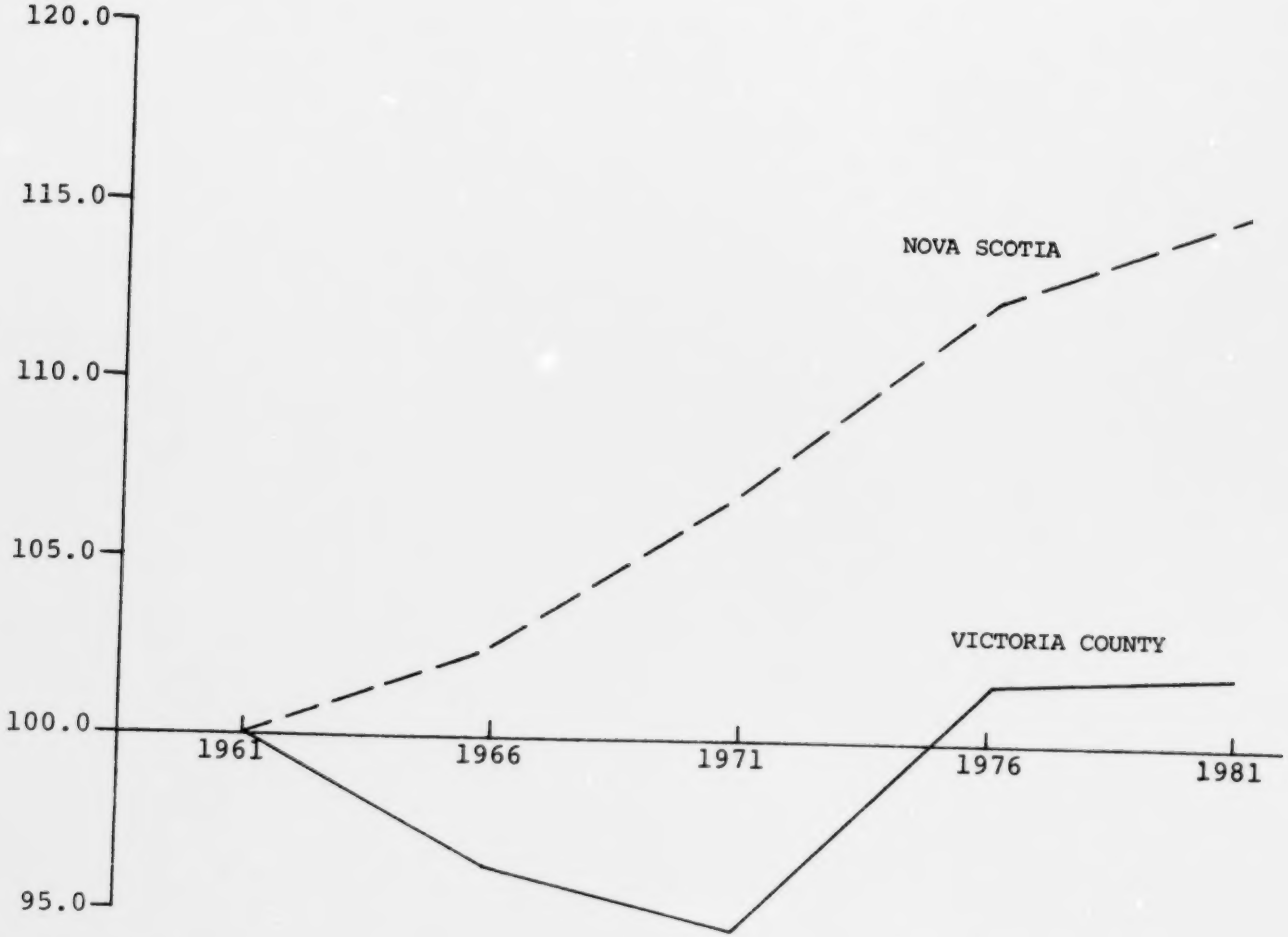


Table 1

Population Growth
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Victoria County	8,266	8,001	7,823	8,417	8,432
Sub. A - Cape North-Ingonish	3,724	3,569	3,560	3,734	3,707
Sub. B - Baddeck-St. Ann	4,358	4,226	4,062	4,422	4,439
Victoria, Indian Reserves	184	206	201	261	286

Index of Population Growth Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Victoria County	100.0	96.8	94.6	101.8	102.0
Sub. A - Cape North-Ingonish	100.0	95.8	95.6	100.3	99.5
Sub. B - Baddeck-St. Ann	100.0	97.0	93.2	101.5	101.9
Victoria, Indian Reserves	100.0	112.0	109.2	141.8	155.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 100+ Victoria County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Baddeck	943	965	Ingonish Centre	169	170
Baddeck Bay	284>	235	Iona	126	120
Bay St. Lawrence	138	218	Little Narrows	133	126
Big Bras d'Or	282	281	Middle River	93	100
Boularderie East	85	106	Neils Harbour	296	283
Cape North	136	152	New Haven	173	162
Dingwall	285	311	South Harbour	116	206
Englishtown	135	159	St. Margaret Village	175	153
Ingonish	407	471	Sugar Loaf	103	115
Ingonish Beach	601	573			

> area is larger than in other Census year.

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	VICTORIA COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	8,417	8,432	100.0	100.0	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	8,204	8,219	97.5	97.5	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	213	213	2.5	2.5	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	--	--	--	--	468,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	8,417	8,432	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

[1] Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

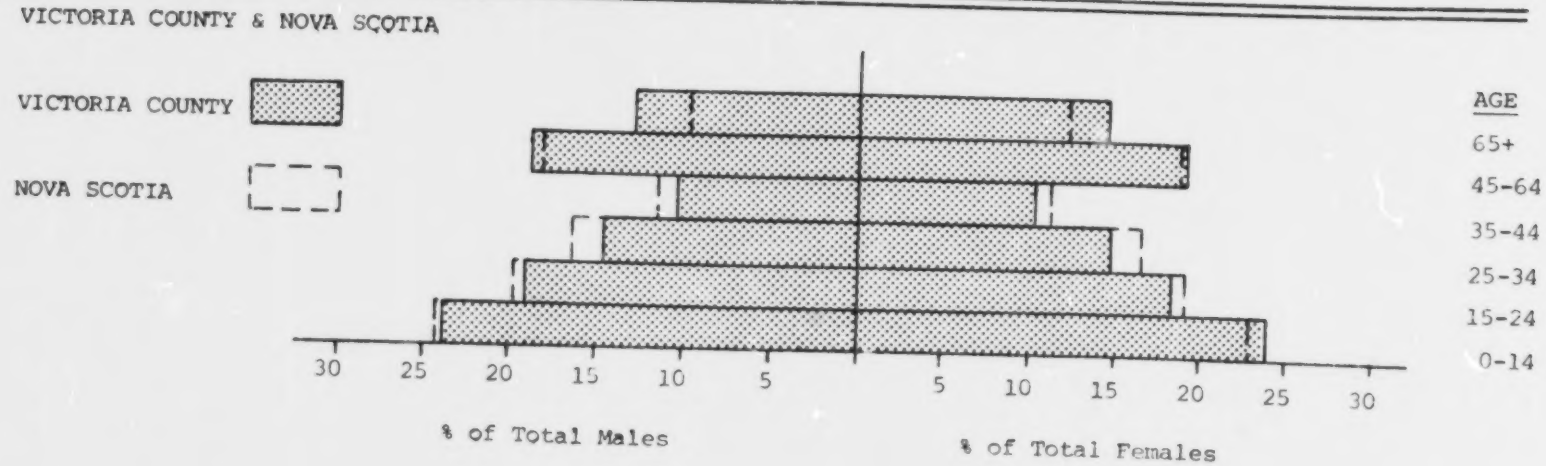
[2] Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids

Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



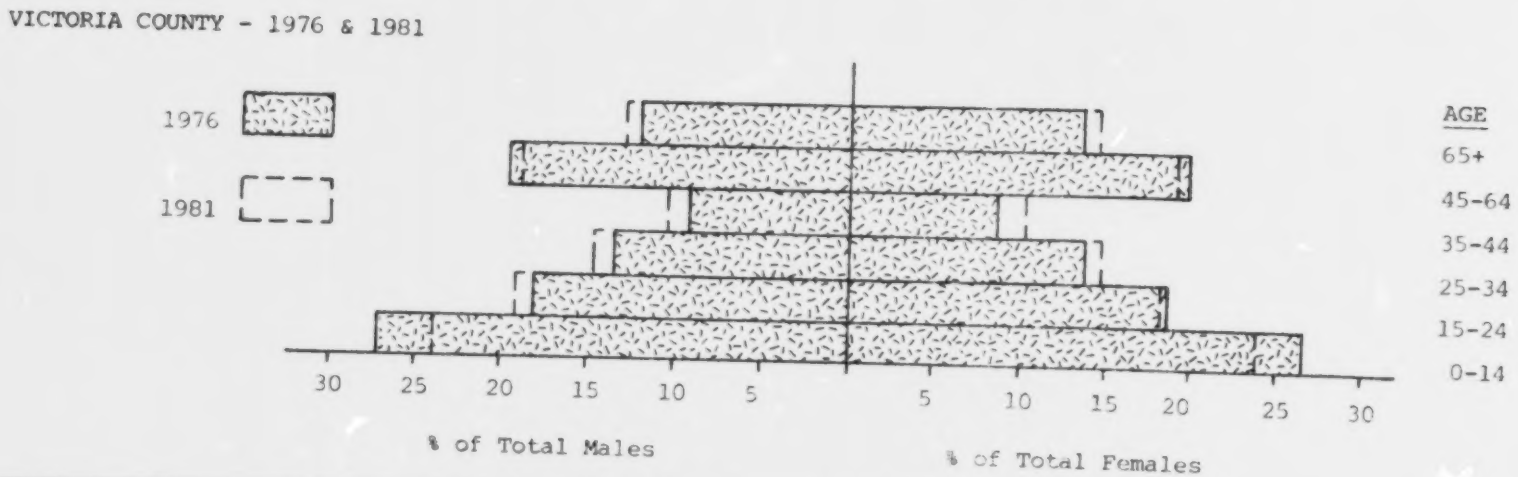


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	VICTORIA COUNTY 1976 Male %	VICTORIA COUNTY 1976 Female %	VICTORIA COUNTY 1981 Male %	VICTORIA COUNTY 1981 Female %	NOVA SCOTIA 1976 Male %	NOVA SCOTIA 1976 Female %	NOVA SCOTIA 1981 Male %	NOVA SCOTIA 1981 Female %
0-14	27.3	26.3	24.0	23.6	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	18.1	18.5	19.2	18.2	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	13.5	13.6	14.6	14.6	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	9.2	8.6	10.4	10.1	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	19.6	19.6	18.9	19.0	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	12.2	13.4	12.9	14.5	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	4,365	4,055	4,290	4,140	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Victoria County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Victoria County	- T	8,430	3,980	2,005	1,975	3,810	3,700	110	555	85
	- M	4,290	2,235	1,025	1,210	1,910	1,860	50	105	40
	- F	4,140	1,750	975	775	1,895	1,840	55	445	45

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 6

Vital Statistics
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1979-1983

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Victoria County	134	126	140	136	144	91	93	106	97	95
Nova Scotia	12,406	12,369	12,079	12,325	12,401	6,843	7,004	6,958	6,941	7,047

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

FAMILIES, INCOMES & HOUSEHOLDS

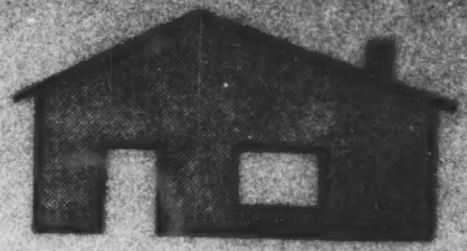


Table 7
Family Characteristics
Victoria County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS 2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY 1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Queens County											
Number	2,065	710	460	475	215	105	55	35	7,160	3.5	3.7
% of Total	100.0	34.4	22.3	23.0	10.4	5.1	2.7	1.7			
Wagmatcook*	45	10	5	5	5	5	5	10	245	6.3	--
Victoria Munic.	2,020	705	460	470	210	95	50	30	6,915	3.4	3.7

*Reserve

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Victoria County	18,624	85.2	16.6
Sub. A - Cape North Ingonish	16,362	74.8	21.2
Sub. B - Baddeck - St. Ann	20,548	93.9	13.1
Wagmatcook	12,309	56.3	--

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income per Income Tax Filer
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1977-1982

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income	Average Income	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average
		$'000	$	%
Victoria County				
- 1977	3,444	26,905	7,812	79.3
- 1978[1]	4,065	29,835	7,339	79.1
- 1979	4,062	31,485	7,751	76.6
- 1980	4,213	35,488	8,423	76.2
- 1981	4,336	41,174	9,496	75.9
- 1982	4,287	45,413	10,593	76.2

	PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP			
	VICTORIA COUNTY		NOVA SCOTIA	
Income Group	1977	1982	1977	1982
	%	%	%	%
Under $2,500	12.5	16.1	12.8	17.2
$ 2,500 - $ 5,000	25.6	13.1	16.7	9.8
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	19.9	16.4	16.8	10.2
$ 7,500 - $10,000	15.4	13.5	14.0	9.4
$10,000 - $15,000	15.8	17.9	20.1	17.1
$15,000 - $20,000	6.5	9.4	11.3	11.8
$20,000 - $25,000	2.3	5.6	4.5	9.2
$25,000 - $30,000	1.3	3.7	1.9	6.2
$30,000+	0.7	4.3	1.8	9.1

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Victoria County	2,375	2,595	3.5	3.2
Subdivision A	1,010	1,070	3.6	3.4
Subdivision B	1,315	1,465	3.2	3.0
Indian Reserves	50	60	5.1	4.8

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	VICTORIA COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:		
1976 - Owned (%)	86.4	72.4
Rented (%)	13.5	27.6
Total (No.)	2,370	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	87.9	71.5
Rented (%)	12.1	28.5
Total (No.)	2,595	273,195
TYPE:		
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	85.6	78.9
Apartments (%)	3.2	15.4
Mobile (%)	11.2	5.7
Total (No.)	2,370	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	86.3	77.9
Apartments (%)	2.7	16.7
Mobile (%)	11.0	5.4
Total (No.)	2,595	273,195

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 12
Labour Force Activity
Victoria County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	3,170	2,980	6,150	3,240	3,115	6,355
Labour Force	2,090	1,060	3,150	2,180	1,375	3,560
Employment	1,910	835	2,745	1,775	940	2,710
Unemployment	180	220	400	410	435	845
Unemployment Rate[1]	8.6	20.8	12.7	18.8	31.6	23.7
Participation Rate[2]	65.9	35.6	51.2	67.3	44.1	56.0

[1]Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2]Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force 15 years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Victoria County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	3,560	795	1,225	390	805	345
Male	2,185	600	705	200	495	195
Female	1,375	195	525	195	310	155
Aged 15-24						
Total	835	170	360	120	140	45
Male	475	140	200	60	60	15
Female	360	35	155	60	75	35
Aged 25-44						
Total	1,740	320	505	225	460	230
Male	1,035	230	280	120	275	130
Female	705	90	225	105	190	100
Aged 45-54						
Total	525	170	205	20	100	30
Male	355	125	115	15	75	25
Female	175	45	90	5	25	10
Aged 55-64						
Total	360	75	150	25	85	25
Male	235	50	105	0	70	15
Female	125	30	45	25	20	10
Aged 65+						
Total	95	60	0	5	20	10
Male	85	50	5	5	15	10
Female	10	5	0	5	5	0

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force[1], 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Victoria County, 1981

	VICTORIA COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Victoria County	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	40	20	60	1.7	2.3
Forestry	85	15	105	3.0	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	380	25	400	11.5	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	75	5	80	2.3	1.8
Manufacturing	110	35	145	4.1	15.0
Construction	260	45	305	8.7	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	310	60	370	10.6	8.0
Trade	255	150	400	11.5	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20	45	70	2.0	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	390	835	1,225	35.1	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	245	90	330	9.5	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	2,165	1,320	3,485	100.0	100.0

[1]By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, and who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Victoria County, 1981

	VICTORIA COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Victoria County	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	130	50	180	5.2	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	100	25	125	3.6	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	10	35	40	1.1	1.5
Occupations in Religion	20	-	20	0.6	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	80	115	195	5.6	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	15	155	170	4.9	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	10	10	15	0.4	1.2
Clerical & Related	65	230	295	8.5	16.5
Sales Occupations	105	130	235	6.7	9.2
Service Occupations	195	425	620	17.8	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	60	10	75	2.2	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	375	20	395	11.3	2.4
Forestry & Logging	70	5	80	2.3	1.2
Mining & Quarrying	45	-	45	1.3	1.0
Processing Occupations	65	15	80	2.3	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	10	5	15	0.4	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	125	15	140	4.0	6.1
Construction Trades	385	35	420	12.1	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	180	15	195	5.6	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	35	-	35	1.0	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	20	5	25	0.7	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	70	20	85	2.4	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	2,165	1,320	3,485	100.0	100.0

[1]Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

GOODS PRODUCING SECTORS

Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data
Victoria County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	123	213
% of Total Population Living on Farms	1.5	2.5
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	1	1
25-34 years	8	13
35-44 years	4	12
45-54 years	11	13
55-59 years	4	9
60-64 years	4	7
65 years and over	2	3
Total Number of Farms	34	58
- With sales of $2,500+	21	34
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	1	6
10- 69 acres	3	3
70- 129 acres	6	12
130- 179 acres	5	6
180- 239 acres	4	8
240- 399 acres	9	11
400- 559 acres	3	7
560- 759 acres	1	2
760- 1,119 acres	2	3
1,120- 1,599 acres	--	--
1,600+ acres	--	--

Cont'd.

Table 16 (cont'd.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	9,354	14,380
Improved Land - acres	2,394	3,813
Under Crops - acres	1,757	2,347
Improved Pasture - acres	573	946
Summer Fallow - acres	5	130
Other Improved - acres	59	390
Unimproved Land - acres	6,960	10,567
Woodland - acres	6,265	9,418
Other Unimproved - acres	695	1,149
Average Size of Farms - acres	275	248
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	25.6	26.5

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Victoria County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	34	58
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	--	--
$100,000 - $249,999	--	2
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	1	5
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	3	3
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	9	6
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	4	9
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	4	9
Under $2,500	13	24
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	21	34
Dairy	10	11
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	5	8
Poultry	1	1
Wheat	--	--
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	--	--
Field crops, other than smallgrains	--	5
Fruits and vegetables	--	1
Miscellaneous specialty	3	7
Mixed	2	1
Livestock combination	--	--
Field crops combination	--	--
Other combinations	2	1

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18
Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Victoria County, 1980-1984

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Value - $'000	3,983	4,754	5,146	5,743	4,419
% of Nova Scotia Total	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.7
Weight - metric tonnes	6,986	7,080	6,156	4,998	4,638
% of Nova Scotia Total	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.2

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by Percent of Income Derived from Fishery
Victoria County, 1979-1983

	Total	% of Income Derived from Fishery		
		0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1979	536	190	134	212
1980	610	189	158	263
1981	593	164	115	314
1982	624	181	109	334
1983	717	227	111	379
% of Nova Scotia				
1979	5.0	4.7	8.1	4.1
1980	5.3	4.6	9.2	4.8
1981	5.2	5.0	7.2	4.8
1982	5.7	5.7	7.7	5.2
1983	5.7	6.1	7.4	5.2

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20
Area of Land Classes
Victoria County, 1970

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	149,534	51.0
2. Mixed Wood	59,906	20.5
3. Hardwood	24,051	8.2
Total Forested Land	233,492	79.7
Non-Forested Land	53,019	18.1
Water and Flowage	13,031	4.4
Total Area of County	292,930	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, Cape Breton Island Subdivision - 1970

Table 21
Forest Production Statistics
Victoria County, 1979 and 1983

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Softwood	1,822	1,099	1,759	2,018	1,066	546,601	477,277	348,400	108,234	33,152
Hardwood	22	81	148	556	224	828	190	617	723	--
Total	1,904	1,180	1,907	2,574	1,230	547,429	477,467	349,017	108,957	33,152
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.6	20.0	16.8	13.9	6.0	3.0
Hardwood	0.2	1.1	1.5	6.4	3.3	0.2	--	0.2	0.6	--
Total	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.7	0.7	17.7	14.4	12.5	5.6	2.6

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22
Forest Production Statistics — (in Common Measure)
Victoria County, 1982 and 1983

	1982	1983	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1982	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1983
Lumber (M. fbm.)	2,574	1,230	1.7	0.7
Laths (M's)	40	26	0.7	0.6
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	--	2,019	--	0.7
Pulpwood Rough (M^3 Stacked)	177,799	52,167	5.6	2.6
Pit Props Rough (M^3 Stacked)	1,000	472	7.5	1.8

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23
Principal Statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Victoria County, 1978-1981

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
			Production and Related Workers							
	Year	Number of Establishments	Male	Female	Man-Hours Paid (000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
Victoria County* (Inverness-Richmond)	1978	21	1,077	146	2,846	22,035	40,643	247,370	385,986	78,051
	1979	26	1,257	177	3,318	25,920	42,573	347,531	466.373	102,007
	1980	28	1,167	186	3,299	26,054	51,851	176,844	353,355	110,452
	1981	33	1,106	193	3,057	28,929	56,386	89,607	251,842	115,209
% Three Counties of Nova Scotia	1978	2.9	5.0	2.6	4.9	6.7	29.5	14.9	14.2	8.7
	1979	3.4	5.4	3.0	5.2	6.5	27.9	16.6	14.5	9.9
	1980	3.4	5.1	3.1	4.9	6.7	36.5	4.2	7.3	9.6
	1981	4.1	4.9	3.2	5.0	6.2	28.5	3.7	6.6	8.7

*Data includes the counties of Victoria, Inverness, and Richmond

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

SERVICE SECTORS & CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

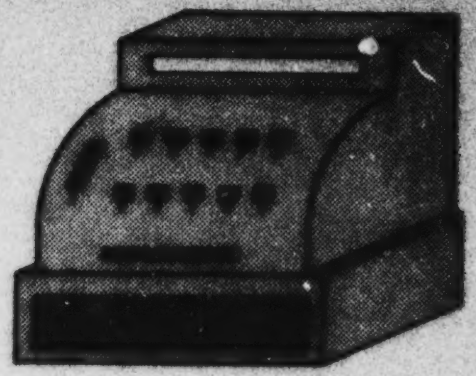


Table 24
Retail Sales
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1983

	YEAR	VICTORIA COUNTY ($'000)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA VICTORIA COUNTY ($)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA NOVA SCOTIA ($)
Food	1981	4,800	569	876
	1982	5,700	678	1,023
	1983	--	--	1,133
Automotive	1981	17,000	2,016	905
	1982	16,200	1,928	867
	1983	--	--	963
Clothing	1981	--	--	171
	1982	--	--	184
	1983	--	--	200
Hardware	1981	--	--	34
	1982	--	--	35
	1983	--	--	39
Home Furnishings, Appliances, TV, Radios	1981	--	--	67
	1982	--	--	73
	1983	--	--	77
Total Retail Sales[1]	1981	30,900	3,665	3,315
	1982	31,600	3,766	3,542
	1983	35,900	4,246	3,994

[1]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25
Building Permits Issued
Victoria County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1984

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other (units)	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial ($'000)	Institutional & Government	Total
1981								
Victoria County	94	3	97	3,227	25	1,283	14	4,549
NOVA SCOTIA	3,309	1,128	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Victoria County	68	--	68	2,384	50	242	902	3,578
NOVA SCOTIA	3,121	677	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867
1983								
Victoria County	78	6	84	2,807	--	479	677	3,963
NOVA SCOTIA	4,841	1,182	6,023	320,624	17,347	74,764	56,516	469,251
1984								
Victoria County	73	--	73	2,546	70	414	1,275	4,305
NOVA SCOTIA	4,846	1,120	5,966	334,179	21,454	146,947	58,897	561,477

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203

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MUNICIPALITIES AND 1984 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Municipality of Victoria	$ 1.05	$1.82

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
County of Victoria	2,767.9	3.0

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981		Ethnic Groups - 1981		Mother Tongue - 1981	
Roman Catholic	42.1%	British Isles	82.8%	English	94.9%
United Church	24.9	French	3.9	Native Indian	1.8
Other Protestants	21.9	Native Indian	3.3	Other	3.3
Anglican	8.1	Other Single Origins	3.1		
Other	3.1	Multiple Origins	7.0		

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The Northside-Victoria Amalgamated School Board serves the Northwestern portion of Cape Breton County and all of Victoria County. In Victoria, teachers number 117 in 1983-84 while enrollment was 1,031 elementary, 360 junior high, 286 senior high, and 43 in other programs.

HOSPITALS

Victoria County Memorial Hospital (Baddeck)	23 beds, 6 bassinets
Buchanan Memorial (Neil's Harbour)	13 beds, 3 bassinets

TRANSPORTATION

Highways	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	64.4
- Collector	185.4
- Local	178.7
Unpaved Highways	515.6
Total	944.1

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1982	Number
Passenger Automobiles	2,305
Trucks and buses	1,103
Total	3,408

Rail

There is no rail service provided within the county, the nearest service point being at North Sydney.

Air

The nearest commercial airport is located at Sydney, approximately 90 km from Baddeck. The Sydney Airport is classified as a Regional Airport, being served daily by Air Canada and Eastern Provincial Airways, with DC-9, B727, B737, and HS-748 aircraft.

Bus

Acadian Lines operates twice daily service between Sydney and Halifax by way of Baddeck on Highway 105. Mount Cabot Bus Lines operates from Cape North to Sydney three times per week in the winter and daily in the summer. Trans Overland provides the same schedule from Cheticamp to Sydney via Baddeck.

Marine

The main cargo handling port is located at Little Narrows where Little Narrows Gypsum Co. load dry bulk gypsum from their 146 metre wharf facility. Pulpwood is shipped from Iona and Baddeck. The coastal area around Baddeck is also very popular for boating and yachting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers, radio and TV are all provided from the Sydney area of Cape Breton County. TV transmitters are located at Dingwall and Bay St. Lawrence.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
Baddeck	--	287	109	17	413
Bras d'Or	--	48	14	4	66
Breton Cove	--	--	4	--	4
Cape North	--	12	7	7	26
Indian Brook	--	--	5	--	5
Ingonish	--	--	8	9	17
Ingonish Beach	32	40	43	33	148
Ingonish Centre	--	43	--	35	78
Iona	--	26	--	--	26
St. Ann's South Gut	--	8	4	--	12
Total	32	464	194	105	795

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

Baddeck has a branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library and a Public Library Bookmobile.

Museums and Art Galleries

North Highlands Community Museum - Cape North
Cabot Archives - Neil's Harbour
Fly Tyers Museum - North Ingonish
Giant MacAskill-Highland Pioneers Museum - St. Ann's
Alexander Graham Bell Museum - Baddeck
Victoria County Archives and Museum - Baddeck
N.S. Highlands Village Museum - Iona